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- The Metro Center station in Washington, D.C., reopened May 12 after shutting down overnight May 11 due to a track problem affecting service on the Blue, Silver, Red, and Orange lines. – *WTTG 5 Washington, D.C.* (See item [6](#))
- U.S. Department of Agriculture officials confirmed May 10 that the first case of the highly pathogenic H5N8 bird flu strain was detected in Indiana. – *Reuters* (See item [10](#))
- A contract employee with the U.S. Department of State Passport Agency in Houston and two others were accused of taking part in an identity theft scheme in which they would steal personal identifiable information of individuals applying for a passport and impersonate them to obtain lines of credit for personal use. – *Help Net Security* (See item [17](#))
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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

1. *May 11, Lancaster Online* – (Pennsylvania) **TMI nuke plant reopens. NRC to evaluate unexpected shutdown.** The Exelon Corporation's Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Pennsylvania reopened May 11 after an unexpected manual shutdown was initiated May 6 when a control rod dropped and a main steam bypass valve failed, resulting in the release of steam into the atmosphere. Officials reported that the plant was back to full power once the control rod drive mechanism was repaired.

Source: http://lancasteronline.com/news/local/tmi-nuke-plant-reopens-nrc-to-evaluate-unexpected-shutdown/article_d90e1516-f7fa-11e4-8527-0f94b397bf65.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *May 11, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **Workers risk serious injuries and amputations at Bellefontaine, Ohio, rubber-hose manufacturing plant.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued 1 willful and 10 serious safety citations to Bellefontaine-based HBD/Thermoid Inc., May 11 for failing to protect workers from operating parts of hose balers and hose feed equipment during the manufacturing process, and for exposing workers to danger of amputation, among other violations. Proposed penalties total \$134,000.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27942

3. *May 11, WGRZ 2 Buffalo* – (New York) **Feds, state reach agreement with Tonawanda Coke.** Tonawanda Coke of New York reached an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation May 11 in which it will pay \$2.75 million in civil penalties, \$1.3 million in local environmental projects, and \$7.9 in efforts to reduce benzene, ammonia, and particulate emissions from the plant. Environmental and State officials accused the plant of recklessly ignoring clean air, water, and community right-to-know laws.

Source: <http://www.wgrz.com/story/news/local/2015/05/11/feds-state-reach-agreement->

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

4. *May 12, Reuters* – (National) **SEC charges ITT Educational, CEO, CFO with fraud; shares plunge.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged ITT Educational Services Inc., its chief executive officer, and chief financial officer May 12 with fraud, alleging that the defendants concealed two poorly performing financially-guaranteed student loan programs by making payments on behalf of struggling borrowers and by hiding the extent of losses due to high default rates.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/05/12/sec-itt-education-idUSL1N0Y31FF20150512>

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. *May 12, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **CHP: Three killed in crash with wrong-way driver on Interstate 80.** Interstate 80 westbound in Sacramento was closed for 5 hours May 12 while California Highway Patrol officials investigated a wrong-way accident involving 2 vehicles that killed 3 people.
Source: <http://www.news10.net/story/news/local/sacramento/2015/05/12/three-dead-wrong-way-crash-interstate-80-sacramento/27162879/>
6. *May 12, WTTG 5 Washington D.C.* – (Washington, D.C.) **Metro Center reopens Tuesday following track problem.** The Metro Center station in Washington, D.C., reopened May 12 after shutting down overnight May 11 due to a track problem affecting rail service on the Blue, Silver, Red, and Orange lines. Service between the Rosslyn and Foggy Bottom stations was suspended earlier May 11 after reports of smoke caused by electrical sparking, which prompted authorities to repair multiple third-rail insulators.
Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/story/29037288/metro-center-closed>
7. *May 11, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Highway 34 reopens over South Platte River.** Highway 34 in Weld County was closed for 4 hours May 11 while crews worked to relieve some of the building pressure from high water after the South Platte River peaked and threatened the temporary highway.
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/south-platte-river-expected-to-peak-monday-between-greeley-and-kersey>

8. *May 11, WTOV 9 Steubenville* – (Ohio) **Multi-vehicle crash shuts down 22 in Harrison County.** State Route 22 in Harrison County was shut down for nearly 6 hours May 11 while crews cleaned the site of a 5-vehicle accident that involved a semi-truck hauling 44,000 pounds of zinc ingots that spilled onto the roadway. Three people were transported to area hospitals for minor injuries.
Source: http://www.wtov9.com/shared/news/features/top-stories/stories/wtov_multivehicle-crash-shuts-down-22-harrison-county-8847.shtml
9. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Weather forces flight cancellations in Dallas.** Over 100 flights were canceled or delayed at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field Airport in Texas May 10 due to thunderstorms and severe weather.
Source: <http://www.ksl.com/?nid=157&sid=34587728>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *May 11, Reuters* – (Indiana) **Bird flu found in Indiana; 15th state to report it.** U.S. Department of Agriculture officials confirmed May 10 that the highly pathogenic H5N8 bird flu strain was detected in Indiana for the first time in a 77-bird backyard flock at a site in Whitley County. Authorities have quarantined the site and culled the flock.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/05/11/us-health-birdflu-idUSKBN0NW1PX20150511>
11. *May 11, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Good Seed Inc. recalls soybean sprouts & mung bean sprouts due to possible health risk.** Good Seed Inc., of Springfield, Virginia, issued a recall May 8 for all packages of soybean and mung bean sprouts products produced on or after April 1 after inspections revealed potential *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination. The items were distributed to retail stores in Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and North Carolina.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm446469.htm>
12. *May 11, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **Hanby Farms' workers face grain bin dangers, other hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Nashport-based Hanby Farms, Inc., for 29 serious safety violations May 11, including failure to provide adequate rescue equipment and training for employees entering grain bins and confined spaces, and for exposing workers to combustible grain dust hazards, among other findings. Proposed penalties total \$102,900.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27936
13. *May 11, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (New York; New Jersey) **Consumer alert: Undeclared peanuts in "Cumin Powder."** Long Island City-based Crown Food International LLC issued a recall May 6 for uncoded plastic bags of "Cummin Powder"

labeled as “400 GMS” due to undeclared peanuts. The product was sold at various retail stores in New York and New Jersey.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm446506.htm>

14. *May 11, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Wisconsin) **OSHA cites Burnett Dairy Cooperative for failing to ensure employee’s safety after man dies in a grain bin.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited the Grantsburg-based Burnett Dairy Cooperative May 11 for 2 willful and 8 serious safety violations, for failures related to a November 2014 incident in which a worker was killed while trying to unclog a grain bin. Proposed penalties total \$193,200 and the company was placed in OSHA’s Severe Violator Enforcement Program.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27939
15. *May 11, WTAJ 10 Altoona* – (Pennsylvania) **PA suspends poultry competitions due to bird flu.** The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture suspended all 2015 aviation competitions, activities at 2015 State-approved agricultural fairs, and the 2016 Pennsylvania Farm Show due to concerns over the spread of the avian flu across the U.S.
Source: <http://www.wearecentralpa.com/story/d/story/pa-suspends-poultry-competitions-due-to-bird-flu/11923/5dX1-OQaHESorqUxRpmnrQ>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

16. *May 12, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **7,000 without power, some schools closed after W. Pa. storms.** Propel Braddock Hills Elementary School and Propel Braddock Hills High School in Pittsburgh were closed May 12 due to power outages caused by severe storms that moved through the State May 11.
Source: http://lancasteronline.com/news/pennsylvania/without-power-some-schools-closed-after-w-pa-storms/article_5e4857ab-fb28-594e-a55d-a9044ef7fcf6.html
17. *May 12, Help Net Security* – (Texas) **US Passport Agency contractor stole**

applicants' data to steal their identities. A contract employee with the U.S. Department of State Passport Agency in Houston and two others were accused of taking part in an identity theft scheme in which the employee would allegedly steal personal identifiable information of individuals applying for a passport and create counterfeit identification documents. The two others involved in the scheme would impersonate the affected individuals in order to obtain lines of credit to purchase personal items.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18375>

18. *May 11, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **HISD school bus involved in accident on SW Freeway.** Ten Furr High School students were transported to area hospitals as a precaution after an accident involving a Houston Independent School District bus on the Southwest Freeway near Hillcroft May 11.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/story/news/local/2015/05/11/hisd-school-bus-involved-in-accident-on-sw-freeway/27140937/>

19. *May 11, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Officials: 5 students injured after fire on school bus in Matthews.** A mechanical issue on a Porter Ridge Middle School bus injured five students in Matthews May 11 after it triggered antifreeze and smoke to disperse into the passenger area and fill the cabin.

Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/article20696844.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

20. *May 11, WXMI 17 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Dozens of inmates showing signs of illness, quarantine issued.** Eighteen inmates at Richard H. Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia were placed under quarantine May 11 after about 100 others experienced symptoms of gastrointestinal illness. Prison officials are investigating the source of the illness while the facility is being routinely disinfected and cleaned.

Source: <http://fox17online.com/2015/05/11/gastrointestinal-outbreak-in-west-michigan-prison/>

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Information Technology Sector

21. *May 12, Softpedia* – (International) **DDoS botnet relies on thousands of insecure routers in 109 countries.** An investigation by the Web site security company Incapsula revealed that cybercriminals are using tens of thousands of Internet service providers (ISP) distributed home routers with default security configurations to create large botnets for distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks. Findings revealed that 60 command and control (C&C) servers were being used for the botnets by a variety of groups employing various forms of malware worldwide.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/DDoS-Botnet-Relies-on-Thousands-of-Insecure-Routers-in-109-Countries-480940.shtml>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

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22. *May 12, Duluth News Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Suspicious item left at hotel prompts evacuation in Superior.** A suspicious item left at the front desk of a Holiday Inn Express in Superior prompted the evacuation of the hotel and approximately 20 surrounding homes for nearly 5 hours May 11. A bomb squad cleared the scene after determining that the device was a low frequency transmitter.
Source: <http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/superior/3742944-suspicious-item-left-hotel-prompts-evacuation-superior>
23. *May 11, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **One dead, several rescued from CWE apartment fire.** One person was killed and 7 others were transported to an area hospital with injuries following a 2-alarm fire caused by unattended cooking at an apartment complex in the Central West End in St. Louis May 11. Firefighters helped at least 20 residents escape from the fire that began in a second story unit.
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/2015/05/11/central-west-end-fire-mcpherson/27111141/>
24. *May 11, Fort Collins Coloradoan* – (Colorado) **Old Town businesses lose \$100s of thousands in fire.** At least 3 businesses in Old Town Square in Colorado remained closed May 11 after suffering hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses when 2 electrical transformers caught fire and caused power outages May 9.
Source: <http://www.coloradoan.com/story/money/2015/05/11/old-town-fort-collins-businesses-fire-losses-thousands/27139185/>

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Dams Sector

25. *May 11, KLTN 7 Tyler* – (Texas) **Voluntary evacuation for residents in Lake Athens area due to possible dam breach.** The Henderson County Sheriff's Office issued a voluntary evacuation order May 11 for residents in a 4-mile stretch between Athens

Fish and Game Club and Lake Athens due to a small breach on the FM 317 on the dam of the smaller lake following heavy flooding.

Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/29032867/voluntary-evacuation-for-lake-athens-area-due-to-possible-dam-breach>

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